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According to several news reports, the West Nile Virus, which arrived this week in Imperial County, could find its way into Los Angeles County yet this summer and fall. Last year, the virus infected 4,156 people, of whom 284 died, in the largest U.S. outbreak since the virus was first detected in the Country in 1999. This year, there have been at least 753 U.S. human cases, including 16 deaths, according to the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics. It is important that we continue efforts to be prepared to protect the public's health from the inevitable arrival of the virus in Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Directors of Health Services and Public Health to report to the Board in two weeks about the current status of preparations by the Department of Health Services, working with the State and the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for the arrival of the West Nile Virus in Los Angeles County. The report should include ongoing collaborative efforts for surveillance and mosquito control with the mosquito and vector control districts.

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